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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – The II Marine Expeditionary Force will conduct a change of command ceremony here, at 8 a.m., Friday.

Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder will relinquish command of II MEF and Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik will assume command.

Hejlik will be promoted to Lieutenant General at a private ceremony prior to the change of command.

Stalder will move on to the position of the Commander of Marine Forces Pacific.

Media interested in covering the change of command must R.S.V.P. no later than 2 p.m. 24 July, by **emailing** MSgt. Matt Sewell at matthew.sewell@usmc.mil or **calling** 910-451-7489. Coordinating instructions will be provided when we receive the R.S.V.P.

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